

## **WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: May 26, 2011**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS WOOD  
SOKOL  
TAYLOR  
MCCOY  
LOEB

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

PATRICIA TATICH, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ATTORNEY/ADMINISTRATOR  
NICOLE LIVINGSTON, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD  
SUPERVISOR STRAINER  
JON ALEXANDER, *THE POST STAR*  
CHARLENE DiRESTA, SR. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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Mrs. Wood called the meeting of the Planning & Community Development Committee to order at 11:20 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Loeb, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Patricia Tatich, Director of the Planning & Community Development Department, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Ms. Tatich reported there continued to be three vacancies on the Warren County Planning Board: two vacancies from the northern communities and one from the Town of Queensbury. She suggested it was time to address the issue of the number of members appointed to the Warren County Planning Board due to the fact that it was becoming increasingly difficult to achieve a quorum for meetings. She expressed a desire to consider reducing the number of Planning Board members and mentioned a current Board member from the Town of Bolton had stated his intentions to resign. She commented there was a possibility that this summer the Warren County Planning Board would be unable to meet due to a lack of quorum. A brief discussion ensued.

Concerning the second pending item pertaining to researching properties which would qualify for funding under the New York State (NYS) Brownfield Opportunity Program, Ms. Tatich said she had spoken to Mr. Geraghty about the property in the Town of Warrensburg which had been cleaned up utilizing funding received through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) and she had determined that the program criteria had changed since the funding was awarded to Warrensburg. She explained that the NYS Brownfield Opportunity Program was for properties with large acreage or multiple properties and was not generally awarded to single properties of small acreage. Ms. Tatich asked if there was a known number of properties in Warren County with potential contamination and Paul Dusek, County Attorney/Administrator, replied there were parcels which had been identified as having potential for contamination which the County had decided not to foreclose upon. He noted that Mike Swan, Director of Real Property Tax Services, kept track of which properties had potential contamination and there were currently three properties. Mr. Dusek announced that he had been informed there was no longer funding available under the NYS DEC grant program for contamination clean up.

Mr. Taylor noted there was a potentially contaminated property on Bay Road in the Town of Queensbury that was an eyesore and was located next to the Warren County Bike Trail. Mr. Strainer

interjected that the property in question had been a foundry and the current owner would not allow anyone on the property to determine if it was contaminated. He said the Town of Queensbury had received a grant to clean up the former Ciba Geigy property; however, he continued, if the owner of the property on Bay Road would not allow access on his property there was no way to assess the needs. Mr. Dusek stated it was possible to gain access to the property through foreclosure action; however, he continued, it would be necessary to contract with a company to complete the inspection of the property. Mr. Taylor noted the Bay Road property was next to the Warren County Bike Trail and he asked if it would be possible to obtain grant funding through the Parks, Recreation & Railroad Department. Ms. Tatich responded she would look into the possibility.

Discussion ensued.

Continuing with the agenda review, Ms. Tatich requested authorization for a contract with Systems Development Group, Inc. for the ImageMate Online Software Support Plan for GIS (Geographic Information Systems) for a term commencing October 1, 2011 and terminating September 30, 2014, in a lump sum amount of \$3,600 per year. She noted this contract was paid for by the Warren County Board of Realtors.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. McCoy and carried unanimously to authorize a contract with Systems Development Group, Inc. as outlined above. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 17, 2011 Board meeting.*

Ms. Tatich requested authorization for a contract with EnvisionGEO for First Wilderness Heritage Corridor (FWHC) mapping materials for use in handouts and brochures, for a term commencing June 1, 2011 and terminating December 31, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200 per year. She noted that the cost of this contract would be covered by Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) grant funding. She advised the company would complete the necessary conversion and create a digital file which could be used for high resolution printing of materials.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to authorize a contract with EnvisionGEO as outlined above. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 17, 2011 Board meeting.*

Ms. Tatich reported that the station platform in the Town of Stony Creek was in the process of being constructed. She said she continued work on the First Wilderness Scenic Byway project and she was working in conjunction with the Event Technical Assistance Provider to complete the project. She noted that when the project was completed, the data which would be supplied would be available through GPS (Global Positioning System) devices. Pertaining to the HUD (Housing and Urban Development) Sustainable grant application being submitted by the City of Glens Falls, a part of the Adirondack Gateway Council Communities, Ms. Tatich said the application included communities within Warren County, the Towns of Corinth, Hadley, Moreau, Fort Edward, Hudson Falls, Kingsbury, Fort Ann and the Village of South Glens Falls. She noted the City of Glens Falls was covering the cost of the consultant who was working on the application.

Mr. Loeb stated that the North Creek Railroad Station was in dire need of repair and it was his understanding that it would be repaired prior to July. He mentioned that there was an entertainment

book available with coupons from the UHRR (Upper Hudson River Railroad) and he felt the coupons should be honored by the new railroad operator, Saratoga North Creek Railroad.

There being no further business to come before the Planning & Community Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. McCoy and seconded by Mr. Sokol, Mrs. Wood adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlene DiResta, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist

